



**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 006802-17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 12 October 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *“Could you please provide the total number of police officers/PCSOs in your force as at 1 April for as many financial years as possible within cost limits but at least since 2010*
2. *Could you please provide the total number of police officers/PCSOs designated as “foot patrol” officers (or posted to a neighbourhood team/who conducted neighbourhood police patrols) for those same financial years but at least since 2010*
3. *Could you please provide a breakdown of the ranks for the aforementioned “foot patrol” police officers/PCSOs for each of those financial years”*

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 12 October 2017

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request for information and our response is below.

1. The total number of police officers and PCSOs employed by the Constabularies as at 31 March for each respective year, is as follows:

**Norfolk**

	Officers		PCSOs	
	Headcount	Strength (FTE)	Headcount	Strength(FTE)
31/03/2017	1516	1462.7	161.0	146.2
31/03/2016	1552	1501.4	182.0	168.7
31/03/2015	1607	1555.6	208.0	194.5
31/03/2014	1615	1566.3	257.0	244.4
31/03/2013	1578	1532.2	259.0	248.3
31/03/2012	1576	1533.6	259.0	251.2
31/03/2011	1626	1585.7	272.0	264.9
31/03/2010	1686	1649.6	281.0	275.1

## **Suffolk**

Please note Suffolk Constabulary data is only held from 2012 onwards.

	<b>Officers</b>		<b>PCSOs</b>	
	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>Strength (FTE)</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>Strength (FTE)</b>
31/03/2017	1087	1058.8	100	95.1
31/03/2016	1109	1079.3	114	108.1
31/03/2015	1171	1140.4	174	166.7
31/03/2014	1252	1221.2	187	180.8
31/03/2013	1222	1192.6	168	163.3
31/03/2012	1208	1173.9	168	164.0

2. Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies do not have officers specifically designated as foot patrol. The data provided below reflects an accurate representation of the number of officers that would ordinarily undertake foot patrol duties, however their roles do not cover foot patrols specifically. It should be noted as a result of this, Norfolk and Suffolk data is not comparable and is provided below, separately.

## **Norfolk**

Norfolk Constabulary data has been based on the number of Beat Managers (Police Constables) and on the number of County Policing Command PCSOs only.

Please note the data for 2010 and 2011 cannot be compared, this data includes Safe Neighbourhood Sergeants and Constables when response and neighbourhood policing roles were separate.

	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>Strength (FTE)</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>Strength (FTE)</b>
	<b>Officers</b>		<b>PCSOs</b>	
31/03/2017	127	121.0	161.0	146.2
31/03/2016	81	76.0	182.0	168.7
31/03/2015	81	76.3	208.0	194.5
31/03/2014	77	72.6	257.0	244.4
31/03/2013	73	71.3	259.0	248.3
31/03/2012	75	73.2	259.0	251.2
31/03/2011	310	298.2	272.0	264.9
31/03/2010	344	332.4	281.0	275.1

## **Suffolk**

Suffolk Constabulary data has been based on the number of County Policing Command Safer Neighbourhood Team Police Constables and Sergeants.

	Headcount	Strength (FTE)	Headcount	Strength (FTE)
	<b>Officers</b>		<b>PCSOs</b>	
31/03/2017	70	65.9	100	95.1
31/03/2016	107	100.3	114	108.1
31/03/2015	122	115.7	174	166.7
31/03/2014	137	129.5	187	180.8
31/03/2013	126	118.8	168	163.3
31/03/2012	127	120.5	168	164.0

3. The Norfolk Constabulary data (see response to Q2) provides a breakdown of the ranks between the years 2012-2017.

A breakdown of ranks for 2010 and 2011 that's includes Safe Neighbourhood Sergeants and Constables is as follows:

31/03/2010	<b>PC</b>	284	273
	<b>Sgt</b>	60	59.4

31/03/2011	<b>PC</b>	241	230.1
	<b>Sgt</b>	69	68.1

A breakdown of Suffolk Constabulary officers is as follows:

31/03/2017	<b>PC</b>	50	46.7
	<b>Sgt</b>	20	19.2

31/03/2016	<b>PC</b>	82	75.6
	<b>Sgt</b>	25	24.7

31/03/2015	<b>PC</b>	94	88.1
	<b>Sgt</b>	28	27.6

31/03/2014	<b>PC</b>	107	100.4
	<b>Sgt</b>	30	29.1

31/03/2013	<b>PC</b>	102	95.4
	<b>Sgt</b>	24	23.4

31/03/2012	<b>PC</b>	99	93.2
	<b>Sgt</b>	28	27.3

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 20 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
Information Management Department  
Suffolk Constabulary  
Police Headquarters  
Martlesham Heath  
Ipswich  
Suffolk  
IP5 3QS  
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Email: [information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

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